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Prices and Prospects.

THE COKE MARKET QUIET BUT FIRM; OFFERINGS LIGHT

Idle Furnaces Waiting for
Cheaper Coke or
Higher Iron.

CONTRACT COKE FULLY PLACED

Little Connellville Foundry Coke Available in the Market and Consumers Have No Choice; Quotations Nominal; Pig Iron Close to Premium

Special to The Weekly Courier.
The coke market has been distinctly quiet the past week. There has been very little negotiating as regards contracts, while the demand for spot coke has been light. Prices have shown no change. A week ago prompt furnace coke was quotable at \$4.00 flat, and this remains the quotation. The market has been sustained at this figure by the lightness of the offerings rather than by the amount of demand. Total sales of prompt furnace coke in the past week do not aggregate 5,000 tons.

There is general comment in the coke trade that prices have not advanced during the past 30 days as the market has been very quiet. The advance in the market during the past week has been very slight. The market has been sustained at this figure by the lightness of the offerings rather than by the amount of demand. Total sales of prompt furnace coke in the past week do not aggregate 5,000 tons.

Negotiations on contract furnace coke have come to a standstill. It appears that there were practically no furnaces in operation which failed to contract prior to the close of the year. It was rumored in the trade that there were several, but unless they had accumulated large stocks of coke, it is evident that they would have had to appear in the market as buyers. There were several idle furnaces inquiring for contract coke, and it was thought that they would have been able to secure it by the close of the year. In fact, in some quarters these furnaces were spoken of as being "scheduled" to blow in. Evidently there was no schedule, the furnaces rather merely waiting for the market. Their position has since been made clear. They will not blow in unless they can get more money for their pig iron, or than the coke at lower figures, than the pig iron and coke markets respectively now present. The result is that the contract furnace coke market stands substantially at \$2.50 asked and \$3.00 bid.

There has been considerable demand for prompt foundry coke, and this demand has been very active rather than foundry coke. There is little if any genuine foundry coke available in the market for spot shipment. The production of really first quality dry coke is more than taken up by contract requirements, and there is considerable coke below standard being shipped even on contracts. There is material being sold for prompt shipment as foundry coke, but as a rule, it is not even shipped in box cars, and if it is 72-hour coke, there is about all that can be said of it, there being little if any selection, while the supply runs high. Such coke would probably bring \$4.00 as furnace coke, but the sellers think the extra 25 cents is justified by the retail character of foundry coke.

We quote the market as follows, largely nominal:
Prompt furnace \$4.00
Contract furnace, first half, \$3.25 @ \$3.50
Contract furnace, second half, \$3.25 @ \$3.50
Contract foundry \$3.25 @ \$3.50
Contract foundry \$3.25 @ \$3.50
The iron and steel market is strong, or than it was at the close of the year, but chiefly through there being a strong undertone from the sold-up condition of producers than from demand. There is a marked increase in the steel trade is marked by heavier pressure upon the mills for deliveries, while pig iron, because of the scarcity of prompt iron, is more particularly scarce for prompt shipment and might even bring a premium.
Quotations: Bessemer \$17.25 @ \$17.50; Basic \$16.50; No. 2 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 3 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 4 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 5 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 6 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 7 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 8 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 9 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 10 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 11 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 12 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 13 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 14 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 15 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 16 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 17 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 18 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 19 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 20 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 21 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 22 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 23 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 24 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 25 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 26 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 27 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 28 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; No. 29 Foundry, \$17.50 @ \$18.00; 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LAKE SHIPMENTS SHOW A BIG GAIN DURING PAST YEAR

**Pittsburgh Operators Con-
tribute 48 Per Cent.
of the Total.**

SUFFER FROM DISCRIMINATION

**Tonnage Would be Heavier But for
Advantage Held by West Virginia
in Matter of Freight Rates; Fuel
Coal in Demand During the Year.**

Soft coal shipments on the great lakes, including both cargo and fuel coal, amounted to 23,358,000 tons during 1912, being 1,552,305 tons heavier than shipments during 1911. These figures are rather surprising in view of the movement of soft coal through the canals at Sault Ste. Marie was 482,555 tons less than the 1911 movement and it was generally supposed that the total movement would be actually less than that of 1911 as vessels certainly did not appear to be busy carrying coal from Lake Erie ports at any time during the season.

The movement of cargo coal was probably higher than during 1911 and the difference is to be found in fuel coal. There were many more ships in commission during 1912 than in 1911 and of course a great deal more coal was consumed by them. Hard coal shipments during 1912 were 4,744,741 tons.

Looking back for a decade the coal trade exhibits a most creditable growth. It has more than doubled in ten years and as the northwest expands it will increase. The time is probably coming when the coal trade will equal the ore trade of the Lake.

The Lake tonnage of soft coal from all districts for the past 12 years is shown in the accompanying table:

Year	Pittsburgh	Ohio	W. Va.
1901	5,795,746	1,854,325	787,572
1902	6,704,932	2,683,374	915,754
1903	6,883,947	3,283,293	1,329,435
1904	6,883,312	3,138,247	1,275,378
1905	7,442,353	3,082,595	2,107,552
1906	8,049,995	2,732,732	2,732,732
1907	10,545,395	4,074,298	3,420,941
1908	11,700,000	4,082,915	3,874,570
1909	12,687,195	4,237,309	6,929,508
1910	13,971,940	4,151,500	7,151,500
1911	18,611,541	4,475,000	7,350,000
1912	23,358,000	4,744,741	7,350,000

The foregoing statistics of the Lake trade shows that of the 23,358,000 tons contained there in 1912, the Pittsburgh district furnished 11,399,000 tons or over 48%; the West Virginia fields, 7,350,000 or 31%, and Ohio field, 4,609,000 or 19%.

Much of the coal shipped from Ohio and West Virginia is the Pittsburgh coal, this great bed overlapping into both States. The Pittsburgh operators would supply a greater portion of this demand were it not for the fact that the West Virginia operators enjoy a discriminatory freight rate and other advantages.

Through the efforts of John W. Boleau, the Pittsburgh rates were reduced by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, but the railroad rates promptly reduced the West Virginia rates proportionately, so that the measure of discrimination remains. The West Virginia rate is still higher than that of the Pittsburgh rate, but the difference is more than made up in the lower mining costs of West Virginia.

The Ohio operators are closer to the Lake ports than those of the Pittsburgh district and enjoy a better rate, hence though the Ohio district is limited in area and extent the operators enjoy a liberal portion of the Lake trade.

MONEY FOR RIVERS

Nearly \$500,000 to be Given Allegheny and Monongahela Projects.

About \$400,000 is to be carried in the next river and harbor bill, a much larger sum than that of the House. This week. Of this amount \$500,000 will be allowed the Ohio, to further this system of locks and dams and to give the Allegheny river will get \$300,000 and Lock No. 4 in the Monongahela, is allotted \$175,000 toward rebuilding, so as to accommodate modern barges.

While no string is attached to the Allegheny item similar to the one which held the appropriation of last year, the committee will make a provision that the money is not to become available until the Secretary of War is satisfied that the bridges will be raised.

PUDDLERS GET INCREASE

Advanced Rate is the Highest Wages Paid for Five Years.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 11.—At the bi-monthly wage conference between representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and the Republic Iron & Steel Company, the rate for puddling for January and February was advanced from \$15.15 to \$15.45 on a 1.40 cent rate.

This is the highest wage paid puddlers for five years. Fifteen thousand mill workers are affected by the increase.

WORKING NIGHT TURN

Rush of Orders at Boys, Porter & Company Gives Extra Work.

With the biggest volume of orders in several years on hand, Boys, Porter & Company are running their plant day and night. Mine pumps are in great demand, according to the calls upon the Connellsville company, and work on one of the largest ever constructed here is being started.

Several large pumps will be built within the next few weeks. Cambria county mines are among those to be supplied.

Trainmen Want Raise.

The Pennsylvania railroad is facing a demand by its conductors and trainmen for the establishment of a sliding scale, a minimum rate of pay based on distance traveled, a schedule for overtime and changes in road regulations and yard service. General Manager S. C. Long of the company will answer the men January 27.

YEAR OF GREAT PRODUCTION

The 1912 Mineral Output Largest in History of Industry.

Large figures, some of them clean record-breakers, have been attained in the mineral output of the United States for 1912, according to the statistics of the United States Geological Survey. The figures of coal production are the most sensational, all previous records having been surpassed by about 50,000,000 tons, an increase equal to the total production of the country 40 years ago. The production for 1912 was 496,221,163 short tons, the estimate for 1913 is 550,000,000 tons, and the final figures may reach a still higher mark.

The production of copper was also the largest in the history of the industry, the high-water mark reached in 1911 being handsomely surpassed. According to the statistics and estimates received by the Survey, the output of bismuth and Lake copper was 1,249,000 pounds in 1912, compared with 1,087,227,749 pounds in 1911, the respective values being nearly \$200,000,000 and \$137,154,692. The production of refined copper is estimated at 1,550,000,000 pounds in 1912, compared with 1,333,875,000 pounds in 1911. The production in Arizona may have exceeded 350,000,000 pounds not only a record output for Arizona but a record for any State for any one year.

The gold mining industry of the United States was generally normal in 1912, but the Survey estimates indicate the smallest production since 1907, when the output was valued at \$30,435,700. For 1912 the estimate is \$21,085,163. In 1909 the gold production reached very nearly the \$100,000,000 mark.

Alaska's mineral output in 1912 is estimated at \$21,535,000 in value, an increase of \$1,500,000 over the figure for 1911. Of the total for 1912 the gold production was valued at \$15,850,000. The total value of Alaska's mineral production since 1880, when mining began in the Territory, is stated in round numbers at \$229,000,000, of which \$202,000,000 is represented by the value of the gold output.

In silver production in the United States in 1912 the indications are for a possible output of 45,000,000 ounces, the highest figure since 1912, when the production was estimated at 43,500,000 ounces. The higher prices generally paid for silver, copper, and other metals in 1912 stimulated production.

The average price for silver for the year is stated at 60.9 cents an ounce. In lead the preliminary figures of the Survey show a small decline in 1912 from the high record figures of 1911, the output of refined lead, desilverized and soft, from foreign and domestic ores, being 459,953 short tons in 1912 and 485,975 short tons in 1911.

The value of the 1912 output is stated at \$43,285,350. The domestic production of lead ore is stated to be about 20,000 tons greater than the 1911 output of 411,137 short tons.

In the zinc industry the figures show a phenomenal activity. The production of primary spelter in 1912 is estimated at 328,951 short tons from domestic ores and 11,663 tons from foreign ores, a total of 340,614 tons, valued at \$46,731,000 compared to 285,526 tons, valued at \$32,563,954 in 1911.

Quicksilver production in 1912 shows a heavy gain over the 1911 production, which itself showed a great gain over that of 1910. The 1912 figures are stated at 25,147 flasks of 75 pounds each worth \$42,044 a pound, or \$1,074,180.

The production of iron in 1912 was, according to the Survey estimate, 25 to 32 per cent greater than that of 1911, the figures for 1912 being between 54,500,000 and 57,000,000 tons, against 42,500,000 tons in 1911. It is believed possible that the record figure of 57,000,000 tons produced in 1910 may be exceeded by the 1912 output.

The United States continued to lead the world in petroleum production in 1912—in fact, produced more than all the rest of the world—and is estimated to have about maintained the tremendous record of 220,445,291 barrels made in 1911. The Geological Survey's estimate for 1912 is 229,350,000 barrels. The estimated value of the 1912 output, however, is much greater than that of 1911, the figures being \$150,000,000, against \$134,444,752.

B. & O. GIVES PASSES

Includes All Classes of Employees in Distribution.

The Baltimore & Ohio has included all classes of its employees in its distribution of "annuals" this year, whereas heretofore many of them, firemen, brakemen, track foremen, watchmen and others have not been so favored.

Under the new arrangement, every person who has been in the service of the road for a period of five years is entitled to an annual pass good for transportation over the division upon which he is employed, while 20 years' service entitles a person to a system pass. Fifteen years' service entitles a person to a system pass, while the wife of an employee whose services have been of 20 years' duration, or more, receives a system pass.

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The Lower Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Jan. 11, 1913.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
40	28	Adair	Adair Coke Company	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 1	W. J. Hamer	South Brownsville
107	107	Albion No. 2	The Wilkey & Fisher Coke Co.	New York
107	107	Albion No. 3	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Gauley
107	107	Albion No. 4	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 5	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
107	107	Albion No. 6	Brier Hill Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 7	Brownsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 8	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 9	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 10	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 11	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 12	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 13	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 14	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 15	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 16	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 17	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 18	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 19	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 20	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 21	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 22	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 23	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 24	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 25	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 26	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 27	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 28	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 29	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 30	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 31	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 32	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 33	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 34	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 35	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 36	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
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107	107	Albion No. 38	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 39	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 40	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 41	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
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107	107	Albion No. 69	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 70	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 71	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 72	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 73	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 74	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 75	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 76	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 77	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 78	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 79	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 80	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 81	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 82	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 83	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 84	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
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107	107	Albion No. 93	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 94	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown
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107	107	Albion No. 96	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 97	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 98	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 99	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
107	107	Albion No. 100	Century Coke Co.	Uniontown

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Coal Sale in Fairmont District. Deeds have been filed for sale at Fairmont, W. Va., showing the purchase by M. A. Joffe of 1,300 acres of coal land in that section for over \$100,000. The purchase is thought to have been made for operating interests whose identity is not yet disclosed.

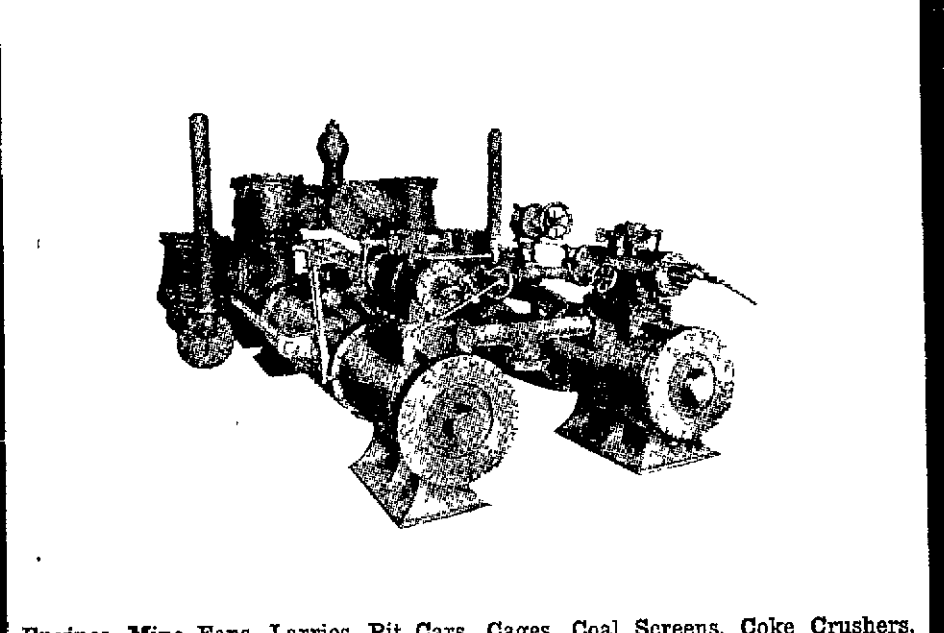
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**STOCKHOLDERS OF
NATIONAL BANKS
ELECT DIRECTORS****Prosperous Year is Reported
at the Annual Meeting Today.****FEW CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE****For the Most Part, the Directors are Re-elected at the Various Institutions; Perryopolis Bank Votes a Dividend and Adds to Surplus Fund.**

The various National banks of the county held their annual stockholders' meetings on Tuesday afternoon and elected their directors and discussed business. In every instance the banks report that 1912 was one of the most prosperous years since the respective institutions were organized.

Few changes in the boards were reported by the banks which held their meetings this morning or early this afternoon. For the most part the same Directors were re-elected. Where vacancies had occurred since the election a year ago, these had been filled at earlier meetings.

THIRTEEN DIRECTORS ARE CHOSEN BY THE CITIZENS.

The stockholders of the Citizens National Bank met on Tuesday afternoon and elected thirteen directors. The Directors will organize later, it devolving upon them to select a Vice President to succeed the late H. M. Kerr.

The thirteen Directors chosen this afternoon were: W. H. Joseph, Solomon, I. C. Smith, R. K. Smith, D. W. Campbell, J. D. Sherrick, F. A. Kall, B. E. Brock, J. B. Henderson, Eldred Hornbeck, F. E. Markell and R. S. Matthews.

Satisfactory reports on the year's business were heard. The Citizens has recently purchased the block building and is preparing to enlarge its present quarters. A foreign department will be opened.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK MAKES NO BOARD CHANGE.

The stockholders of the Second National Bank met on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 12 o'clock on Tuesday. Reports showed that the past year had been prosperous for the institution. No change was made in the board, which will organize later.

The Directors chosen were: Worth Kilpatrick, J. M. Reid, Charles Davidson, Keith Long, Cyrus E. H. Dyer, L. P. McCormick and Joseph T. Johnson.

COLONIAL NATIONAL BANK ELECTS SAME DIRECTORS.

No change was made by the stockholders of the Colonial National Bank when they met Tuesday afternoon and elected seven directors. The Colonial has experienced a good year.

The Directors named were: P. H. Belshey, E. M. Cochran, Harry Dunn, W. N. Leche, L. F. Ruth, and G. C. Sherbondy and H. E. Schenck.

PERRYOPOLIS BANK ADDS \$10,000 TO ITS SURPLUS.

Take a Prize. The stockholders of the First National Bank of Perryopolis met on Saturday to elect Directors for the ensuing year. No change was made in the board. The past year has been the best in the history of the bank. A dividend of 10 per cent was declared for the year and \$10,000 added to the surplus fund.

The Directors chosen were as follows: M. M. Cochran, President; Dr. J. L. Cochran, M. E. Strawn and J. H. Price, Vice Presidents; Howard Adams, Cashier; A. M. Fuller and C. T. Davidson.

DAWSON NATIONAL BANK ELECTS SEVEN DIRECTORS.

The First National Bank of Dawson held its annual stockholders' meeting on Tuesday, seven Directors being elected. No change was made on the board.

The Directors are as follows: M. M. Cochran, J. H. Price, N. A. Rist, A. C. Sherrard, R. D. Henry, Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran and Joseph Ogilvie.

DIRECTORS ARE NAMED FOR VANDERBILT BANK.

The stockholders of the First National Bank of Vanderburgh met on Tuesday and elected Directors for the ensuing year, no change being made in the board.

The Directors are Dr. O. B. Roberts, J. S. Black, E. T. Norton, J. A. Giller, Robert Norris, F. T. Evans and P. C. Ogilvie.

UNION NATIONAL BANK SELECTS NINE DIRECTORS.

Nine directors were named by the stockholders of the Union National Bank at the annual meeting on Tuesday. No change was made in the board. The West Side Institution has had a splendid year, according to reports that were made.

The Directors are: Kell Long, Dr. O. W. Gallagher, Lloyd Johnston, C. B. Franks, F. J. Tormay, William Bowlin, A. C. Sherrard, J. P. Barnhart and A. C. Edwards.

GOT IN THE FLOOD.

Constable Roland Taken on a Wagon Through High Water. Constable William Roland of Dunbar had quite an experience on getting from Pittsburgh to Homestead last Wednesday on account of the high water. He left Pittsburgh on a second avenue car and near Homestead the water was over the cars.

The passengers were taken from the car and hauled through the water in a wagon for a distance of about 200 yards.

Rules Against Vagrants.

The Supreme Court has decided that that man must be stopped in the Western Penitentiary, being a vagrant, the act of the Muehlbauer act which limits convict labor to machines operated by foot or hand. More than 140 prisoners are sent back to the cells as a result of the order.

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PENNSYLVANIA ELECTORS CAST VOTES FOR COLONEL.

Nicholas Murray Butler Gets Vice Presidential Ballots in the Two Republics.

The 25 Pennsylvania electors met at Harrisburg on Monday and cast their 35 votes for Roosevelt and Johnson. The electors adjourned in the midst of a discussion of having their photographs appear in the journal which is printed by the State. The electors found that no provision had been made to defray such an expense. Elector Peter A. Johns of Fayette county proposed that each elector contribute one dollar, but Jacob Frick of Reading opposed such a course. He characterized it as "non-key business."

Business William C. Sipple of Philadelphia was late. The electors chose George F. Holmes to serve in his place and Sipple had to be content with viewing the proceedings as spectator when he finally arrived. Sipple is a newspaper man, was Secretary of the Washington Party's City Committee in Philadelphia during the campaign. In the two Republics Sipple cast his votes for President Taft, Vermont and Utah, Nicholas Murray Butler, was the choice for Vice President.

In California the vote was split, Roosevelt getting 11 and Wilson 2. For the first time in 50 years Ohio's solid vote of 24 was cast for the Democratic nominees.

COURT RAISES QUESTION

Transfer of Property, Set Aside by Court, to be Appealed.

SOMERSET, Jan. 14.—Judge William H. Kuppel has handed down an opinion disposing of a recent question concerning a married woman's right to convey property by deed, raised by an Act of Assembly of 1911, in which he holds that that act does not validate such deeds of conveyance executed prior to the passage of the act. The decision was rendered in the ejectment proceedings of Lizzie A. Luther against Robert M. and Calvin Luther to gain possession of the real estate of the plaintiff's deceased husband in Point borough, valued at \$5,000 to \$5,000.

The plaintiff was the second wife of John A. Luther who died February 29, 1912, leaving his widow and two children, the defendants, as his heirs. Luther's first wife, Lydia T. Luther, purchased the property in dispute on March 24, 1887, from Herman T. Bantley. On June 22, 1891, she sold the same to John A. Luther, and died July 15, 1891.

Luther remarried on October 17, 1895, his second wife being the plaintiff, Lizzie A. Luther. By will dated January 8, 1912, Luther devised the premises to the plaintiff.

The Act of 1911 permits a married woman to convey property to her husband without his acknowledgment to the deed, but the court holds that it does not validate the deed executed by Luther by his first wife, and rules that inasmuch as the deed was not properly acknowledged Luther never had legal title to the property. The court will grant an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court.

PRASE FOR BOY

Somerset School Head Lands Lad Who Took a Prize.

SOMERSET, Jan. 14.—County Superintendent of Schools Daniel W. Seibert has sent a letter of congratulation to Jay Fritz, the 15-year-old son of the late John Fritz, who won a prize on his recent exhibit of corn at State College. The letter follows: "I am pleased to extend my congratulations on your prize at the Pennsylvania State College Corn Growing Contest, which was open to the entire State. This is quite a feat for you and the county as well for the reason that Somerset county is not considered a great corn country, and the first prize went to Lancaster county. This is all the more encouraging because Lancaster county is considered the 'garden spot' of the United States. It is so open information that the quality of the premium awarded for second prize corn. It consists of the payment of your expenses at Farmers' Week at State College next year. It is usually the week after Christmas."

Miss Enola Fritz, a sister of the corn prize-winner, as well as her brother, were exhibitors at Superintendent Seibert's school children's fair held during Institute week, when he was awarded first prize for the best display of corn raised in Somerset county. First prize for the best center piece in the needlework department.

VERDICT AGAINST COUNTY

Fayette Must Pay \$2,500 Towards Farm It Bought Own.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 14.—In the suit of Sarah E. Franks against the County of Fayette, an agreement was reached today for a verdict of \$2,500 against the county. This is an echo of former County Commissioner W. S. Blaney's pet project to locate the poor farm in Dunbar township. After the deal had been agreed to, a satisfactory title could not be procured. The county was to have paid \$5,000 for the farm. It was later found that \$5,000 and suit against the county for the difference was brought.

Only one case was called for trial today that of Heller & Perrin against John Bealla and others to recover \$114.51 on a judgment note.

BRACKENMAN ROBBED.

Men Stole His Watch as He Packs a Hot Box.

Ernest Gross, a brickman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was robbed of a gold watch at Lyndman. While packing a hot box on his train No. 97, two men jumped aboard the cars and jerked Gross' watch from his vest pocket.

Gross notified the police of Cumberland who are searching for the men.

After Brackmen Robbed. Efforts are being made to prevent brickmen on Baltimore & Ohio trains from approaching Cumberland elopers in the interest of "cabmen, connected with the so-called 'marriage trust'."

WANT CITY LAW

Representatives of Third Class Municipalities Gather in Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 14.—Representatives of third class cities will meet here this week to draft the new city law. It is also recommended for presentation to the Legislature by the committee of the Third Class City League, the chief of which will be for a single Council.

The committee is headed by James A. Gardner of New Castle, who has had charge of drafting of bills for several years, and an extended program will be proposed. It is also probable that some of the cities will make an effort to put through a bill for a commission form of government, adoption of which will be made optional according to the New Jersey plan, but the league committee will urge the single Council, much along the lines of the Pittsburgh-Scranton act of 1911.

Important local taxation laws will also be drafted and the power of municipalities in regard to underground wires and public utilities will be enlarged. Return of tax paid to the State on bonds will also be asked on a recommendation made for State aid in the construction of sewage disposal plants.

Bugs Perry Property.

Samuel Gross, of Perryopolis yesterday bought a property owned by Harry Hopkins of Connelville. The building will be remodeled, arranged for two rooms, one of which Gross will occupy in a clothing store. R. L. Eslington, clerk in the Valley supply store for a number of years will open a furniture store in the other room.

Car Struck; Woman Hurt.

Miss Fannie Bailey of Uniontown was slightly injured Friday when a car struck her. The car in which she was riding.

HOUSE FORCES ARE AGREED ON CHANGE IN PRESENT RULES**Committee Expected to Have Little Trouble in Agreeing.****SHIFT IN POWER TO BE MADE****Various Committees Will No Longer Have Right to Smother Bills, It is Declared; Appropriations Are to Come Early at the Present Term.**

HARRISBURG, Jan. 14.—It seems that the three elements in the House of Representatives—regular Republicans, Independents and Democrats—have virtually agreed as to the important changes that are desired in the rules of the House, and the Committee on Committees which is authorized to draft a revision, but the rules will probably have little difficulty in preparing its report.

The committee is to meet in Harrisburg tomorrow, not only to discuss the rules but to name the committees and employees of the House, all to be reported to the House next Monday evening.

There will be, it is said, not more than 20 amendments to the rules, and the bulk of these will have to do with the revision of two important phases of action, the consideration of original resolutions, and of bills that have been held up or disapproved by committee.

Under the old rules the committees have exercised greater power than is regarded as consistent with present day ideas. In previous sessions, when a committee had delayed action on a bill, it could be discharged from further consideration of the measure by a majority vote of the House in favor of a resolution to that effect, but such a resolution had to lie over for one week after presentation, time was given for the committee to report the bill out with a "negative" recommendation, in which event it could be placed on the calendar for the consideration of the House only by a majority vote of all the members, or a bill on final passage was afforded an opportunity to kill it indirectly by refraining from voting to put it on the calendar.

The result has been that whole sessions have passed without the enactment into law of a single bill that had been "negatively" recommended, and it is said that in some instances bills have died in committee that were actually favored by a majority of the House. All this the new rules will rectify by providing that committees shall report out all bills within a certain time limit, or that immediate consideration shall be given to a bill on final passage was afforded an opportunity to kill it indirectly by refraining from voting to put it on the calendar.

The committee on committees must between now and next Monday night select a list of 118 House employees from the clerk down to pages. "White lists" of the new employees will be retained because of their familiarity with details of the work, it is believed that the majority of the appointments will be new. The Senate has 34 employees and these are being selected by a "white committee." All the old employees of both branches are serving from the opening of the session until the new list is announced.

ALL GOOD LAWS, BUT NOT ALL NOSTRUMS FOR STATE**Workable State Has Always Been Progressive, Declares Gov. Tener.**

HARRISBURG, Jan. 14.—Governor John K. Tener, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh and Judge A. D. McConnell of Greensburg were the guests of honor and chief speakers at the third annual banquet of the Board of Trade of Harrisburg, which was held here last night. They were accompanied by A. W. Riley, State Treasurer, and J. C. McConnell, State Senator.

McConnell spoke on "What Every Man Ought to Know." He touched also on the tariff. Judge McConnell's subject was "Individualism." Governor Tener said in part:

"The workable state has always been progressive, and it is to be complimented as being the kind in which a person can enjoy living, in which the manufacturer like to locate and in which the workman like to work. This is the making of a great stride, and it will eventually become Greater Monism."

"Political history shows that Pennsylvania has been a progressive and always for better conditions in the State. Anything in my recent message to the Legislature might be called progressive legislation is in harmony and in line with the Pennsylvania's history. The Legislature of Pennsylvania have, generally speaking, made good laws, which the other States have followed willingly. Pennsylvania has always embraced good laws, but she is not given to embracing all kinds of nostrums. We with father, when we look out upon the world to endeavor to keep our feet on the ground."

After the banquet ladies were admitted to the balcony to hear the speeches.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES WILLING TO ASSIST SCHOOL PROJECT**Give the Board the Use of Basement for Manual Training and Domestic Science.**

The Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Free Library of Harrisburg, Pa., has agreed to give the use of two rooms in the basement of the library for the manual training and domestic science classes. The Trustees expressed a desire to aid the project in every way, and while retaining the right to terminate the contract at any time, the library is in the hands of the school board.

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COMPANY D AND BAND MAKE GOOD AT THE INSPECTION**Military Organizations Go Through Regular Army Test With Flying Colors; Supper Later.**

Company D and the Tenth Regiment band were inspected on Monday at the Armory by Captain R. O. Hagdale of the Third United States Infantry. The band was first put through the paces, after which Company D was drilled and the equipment inspected.

Following the inspection the band marched down town, played several times, and then disbanded.

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SENT TO PEN**Clerk for Frick Company Pleads Guilty to Altering Accounts.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 10.—C. W. Baker, a clerk with the Frick Coke Company at Uniontown, pleaded guilty to altering the accounts of the company. He was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

The matter of condemning the old Fourth ward building, tearing it down and erecting a new building was discussed at the meeting of the Board of School Directors to be held in Harrisburg during February to discuss proposed legislation.

GETS BIG DAMAGE**Woman Plaintiff in Slender Suit is Given \$1,000 by Jury.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 10.—For the first time in many years a jury has awarded a real verdict in a slander suit. In the case of Emma M. Holt against E. E. Lauffer, Bullock township parties, a verdict of \$1,000 was returned for the plaintiff. She charged Lauffer had made remarks concerning her character.

At the conclusion of this case an Everett slander suit was called by the Mary Komenda against Eva Seimanski. Four thousand dollars is the amount asked.

In the suit of W. W. Laughland against Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moore to recover \$10,000 commission on a coal deal, arguments are being made to the jury.

Teacher is Fined Heavily.

Miss Agnes Kruger, school teacher in McMahony Washington county, was fined \$100 and costs by Justice of the Peace Bell for whipping a pupil too severely.

MANUAL TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS IS VOTED BY BOARD**Woodworking for Boys, Domestic Science for Girls Proposed.****SEEK QUARTERS IN LIBRARY****New Classes to be Established as Soon as Space Can be Provided; Cap and Gown Adopted to Reduce High Cost of the Commencement Exercises.**

Manual training and domestic science will have a place in the schools as soon as suitable quarters can be prepared. Upon recommendation of Superintendent Stanley P. Ashe, the School Board, at its regular meeting Monday, voted to include these subjects as a part of the curriculum. The new studies will apply to pupils of the seventh and eighth grades, and the Board of Education will have to extend the term of the school.

The present question is that of procuring suitable quarters. Superintendent Ashe has reported to the board that the basement of the Carnegie Free Library would make an ideal place for the manual training and domestic science classes. The board will take up the matter with the Carnegie Free Library Trustees and upon their decision largely depends the success of the movement this year.

Superintendent Ashe reported that the basement of the library is but seldom used and can be fitted up at little expense. In one of the rooms the school authorities would like to use the children's story hour is to be once a week. Whether arrangements can be made to use the library will be settled later.

Superintendent Ashe presented estimates for the equipment. He figured that the domestic science equipment would cost \$167.70 and manual training \$228.60. The vote in favor of extending the course to include these features was unanimous. A committee consisting of A. W. Bishop, C. H. Balesley and Lloyd Shaw was named to take charge of the matter. Superintendent Ashe was also named on this committee in a consulting capacity. The committee was given the power to purchase equipment and Superintendent Ashe was directed to get in touch with instructors.

The board voted in favor of the cap and gown for commencement exercises. Superintendent Ashe explained that he did not favor the cap and gown as a general proposition, but that something should be done to cure the tendency of some graduates to dress so expensively that less fortunate ones could not come up to such a high standard. He recommended that the board either adopt a cap and gown or require the students to wear inexpensive clothes. Mr. Ashe explained that in former years students have been known to quit school rather than take part in exercises which they could not afford.

The board adopted a gray cap and gown which has become a distinctive High School style, and not the kind adopted by the colleges. The Supply Committee was authorized to purchase the cap and gown of each which will be charged to the student.

Tax Collector H. C. Norton's list of exemptions was approved. The \$100 from the State Company was credited from its taxes after some discussion, Balesley being the only member not in favor of the matter. Director Smith, who represented the party, did not vote. That the High School, despite a few years ago, is overworked, was stated during the meeting.

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The result of the religious census of Conneltsville has been announced by the committee, which made a canvass of the town. A total of 12,196 individuals was polled in the seven wards, including Snyderstown and South Conneltsville. Many persons were not at home on visitation days and are not included in the list.

Of the 12,196 individuals it was shown that 45 per cent, or less than one-half, belong to church and 25 per cent are members of Sunday schools. There were 211 recorded as having no church preference and 158 who possess church letters but do not have them placed.

No attempt is made to list the various denominations, except in the Fourth Ward, where the list is submitted as the basis for an estimate on the relative strength of the various churches. This includes the Fourth Ward and Snyderstown, where 1,859 individuals were polled. The Roman Catholics lead with 393 in this district. Other denominations are as follows: Methodist Episcopal, 281; Lutheran, 209; United Brethren, 152; Presbyterian, 157; Christian, 135; Methodist Protestant, 107; Jewish, 73; United Presbyterian, 42; Episcopal, 41; Church of God, 31; Italian Catholic, 20; German Lutheran, 15; Reformed, 13; Evangelical Association, 15; Church of the Brethren, 5; Protestant Episcopal, 4; Baptist, 3; Methodist, Episcopal South, 3; Moravian, 1; United Evangelical, 1; Mennonite, 1. In this district 52 were not at home, 23 expressed no preference, 10 were unclassified and two refused information.

The report by districts was as follows: First ward, 1,313 individuals, 45 per cent church members, 28 per cent Sunday school members; 4 without church preference, 18 church letters unplaced.

Second ward, 1,249 individuals, 49 per cent church members, 22 per cent Sunday school members, 17 without church preference, 2 church letters unplaced.

Third ward, 2,486 individuals, 48 per cent church members, 31 per cent Sunday school members, 15 without church preference, 39 church letters unplaced.

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Fifth ward, 1,383 individuals, 53 per cent church members, 36 per cent Sunday school members, 43 without church preference, 21 church letters unplaced.

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SOMERSET WEDDINGS

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The result of the religious census of Conneltsville has been announced by the committee, which made a canvass of the town. A total of 12,196 individuals was polled in the seven wards, including Snyderstown and South Conneltsville. Many persons were not at home on visitation days and are not included in the list.

Of the 12,196 individuals it was shown that 45 per cent, or less than one-half, belong to church and 25 per cent are members of Sunday schools. There were 211 recorded as having no church preference and 158 who possess church letters but do not have them placed.

No attempt is made to list the various denominations, except in the Fourth Ward, where the list is submitted as the basis for an estimate on the relative strength of the various churches. This includes the Fourth Ward and Snyderstown, where 1,859 individuals were polled. The Roman Catholics lead with 393 in this district. Other denominations are as follows: Methodist Episcopal, 281; Lutheran, 209; United Brethren, 152; Presbyterian, 157; Christian, 135; Methodist Protestant, 107; Jewish, 73; United Presbyterian, 42; Episcopal, 41; Church of God, 31; Italian Catholic, 20; German Lutheran, 15; Reformed, 13; Evangelical Association, 15; Church of the Brethren, 5; Protestant Episcopal, 4; Baptist, 3; Methodist, Episcopal South, 3; Moravian, 1; United Evangelical, 1; Mennonite, 1. In this district 52 were not at home, 23 expressed no preference, 10 were unclassified and two refused information.

The report by districts was as follows: First ward, 1,313 individuals, 45 per cent church members, 28 per cent Sunday school members; 4 without church preference, 18 church letters unplaced.

Second ward, 1,249 individuals, 49 per cent church members, 22 per cent Sunday school members, 17 without church preference, 2 church letters unplaced.

Third ward, 2,486 individuals, 48 per cent church members, 31 per cent Sunday school members, 15 without church preference, 39 church letters unplaced.

Fourth ward, including Snyderstown, 1,859 individuals, 45 per cent church members, 27 per cent Sunday school members, 23 without church preference and 48 church letters unplaced.

Fifth ward, 1,383 individuals, 53 per cent church members, 36 per cent Sunday school members, 43 without church preference, 21 church letters unplaced.

West Side, 2,076 individuals, 54 per cent church members, 28 per cent Sunday school members, 21 without church preference, 24 church letters unplaced.

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Smaller baskets of similar bouquets were placed at intervals. Embellishing the handles were bows of blue satin ribbon. The crystal candelsticks were softened with white shades of candles, a rich glow over the room.

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Automobile Driver Denies Excessive Charges for Runaway Pairs but Insists that Hyndman and Ellerslie Pastors are Getting Rich Pickings.

That certain Pennsylvania ministers, living at Hyndman and Ellerslie, spend much of their time on Baltimore & Ohio trains bound for Cumberland, picking up eloping pairs and reap rich "pickings" in aiding them to be married under Maryland's lax laws, is the declaration of James E. O'Hara, an automobile driver from Cumberland who is alleged to be a member of the so-called "marriage trust."

According to O'Hara, these ministers board the passenger trains, spot the elopers and immediately take them in tow, charging liberally for their services. O'Hara insists that these preachers charge more for their work than do the cabmen who haunt the railroad stations.

The standard rate for the "trust" members is \$10 per high, O'Hara claims. Their fee comes out of the dollar for the marriage license, \$4.50 for the minister and \$4.50 for the cabman.

The chauffeur explained the process. Floping pairs which dodge the idler ministers are spotted by the cabmen. The cabmen collect \$10 on the spot. Then he drives to the court house where the marriage license is procured, the cabman paying for it.

On leaving the court house the cabman takes \$4.50 to the prospective bridegroom, which is to be turned over to the minister. The cabman retains the remaining \$4.50.

"There follows a mighty generous every one pockets the \$4.50 and hands the minister a five dollar bill," O'Hara said, "at least two ministers make a practice of riding either on Baltimore & Ohio trains, or the Pennsylvania's branch from Bedford to Hyndman. He claims they round up at least three out of every four pairs that arrive in the e. s."

"We can tell how business is falling off. We see these fellows leading the elopers to the courts to certain lawyers' offices."

Efforts have been made by the Cumberland City Council to apply the curb to the alleged "marriage trust" and to this end an ordinance has been passed fixing the maximum charge for cab service to \$5.

BIG PARCEL POST BUSINESS

Hitchcock Asks for More Coin and Change of Rates Desired.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Exactly 1,849,567 packages were sent through the parcel post service during the week of the operation of the new service, according to telegraphic reports received here by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

As the cities handle about one-half of the parcel business of the country, postal officials estimate that between three and four million parcel post packages were mailed from January 1 to January 7. New York City led with 448,000 packages. Chicago followed with 438,000 packages, and Boston with 174,000 packages.

No trouble or delay was experienced with the parcel post service yesterday, nearly all of the \$15,000,000 originally appropriated and he has asked for another appropriation of the same amount for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Representative Anderson of Minnesota yesterday introduced an amendment to the parcel post act providing that in no instance should rates on parcel post matter be greater than the rate on fourth-class matter. He claims the rates on package weighing from one ounce to 32 ounces are too high.

BRAKEMAN KILLED

Falls From Slippery Car Roof and is Run Over by Train.

While on his run between Cumberland and Conneltsville Tuesday night Marion K. Robinson, a Baltimore & Ohio brakeman running out of Conneltsville, was instantly killed near the Sand Patch tunnel. He slipped on the wet surface of the box car, falling between two cars.

The body was taken to Cumberland and yesterday afternoon was removed to the funeral home of J. S. Sims at Easton where it was prepared for burial.

Mr. Robinson was 24 years old and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson of Waltersburg. He was born on Eighth street, West Side, and since running out of Conneltsville had his home on Church place with his sister, Miss Gertrude Robinson. He was popular among the railroad men. His father is recovering from a paralytic stroke. In addition to his parents, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Gertrude, of Conneltsville; James, Vesta and Zona, of Smock, and Albert and Herbert at home. He is a graduate of Mt. St. Mary's college, Emmitsburg, Md. His relatives here were notified of his death yesterday afternoon.

Before entering the service of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad two years ago he was clerk for the Conneltsville Central Coke Company in Uniontown.

He left Conneltsville over 12 years ago. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Robinson, on Green street. The Rev. J. P. Allison, pastor of the Christian church, will officiate.

To Extend Its Lines.

The Pittsburgh Railway Company is planning to extend its lines into Brownsville.

**BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS BY
177 IN BOROUGHS FOR 1912****Miss Anna Sturm, Registrar, Makes
Report for Conneltsville Borough,
Township and Bulklin.****CHURCHES**

The annual statistical report submitted on Thursday by Miss Anna Sturm shows 177 more births than deaths in the borough during the year, 19 more births than deaths in Conneltsville township, and 32 more births than deaths in Bulklin township. The report is as follows:

	Civil	Civil Bulklin
January	35	7
February	35	11
March	35	11
April	35	11
May	35	11
June	35	11
July	35	11
August	35	11
September	35	11
October	35	11
November	35	11
December	35	11
Total	359	57

TRADING STAMP WAR

New York Company Has Competition From Its Own Employees.

SOMERSET, Jan. 11.—Somerset is having a trading stamp war. The trading stamp made its initial appearance here about a year and a half ago, when a New York company entered the field. Several weeks ago the Somerset Sales Company was organized by the local representatives of the New York house, with the result that the local company's coupon stamps supplanted the original stamps in nearly all the Somerset stores. The local agents claimed to be offering better premiums than the New York concern, and is said to have agreed to exchange its stamps for their own brand.

Somerset doubted the success of the new company until yesterday when New York representatives arrived and informed local merchants that their former local agents had acted hastily without authority of their employers in cancelling contracts the merchants had entered into with the New York firm.

The New York representatives are reported to be reinstating the old stamps with business houses whose contracts have not yet expired. A lively competition between the two companies is promised.

INSURANCE ELECTION

Somerset Mutual Company Names Officers and Directors.

SOMERSET, Jan. 11.—The Somerset Mutual Fire Insurance Company yesterday elected officers and directors for the new year, as follows: President, John P. Stuber, Somerset; Vice President, Josiah Specht, Katter, Treasurer, rank B. Granger, Somerset; Secretary and Manager, James M. Cook, Somerset; Assistant Manager, Charles H. Fisher, Somerset; Directors, Dr. G. B. Hough, Milton J. Pritts and Robert E. Desbris, Somerset; Robert C. Heffley, Berlin; John C. F. Miller, Rockwood; V. M. Black, Conneltsville; H. M. Gochner and Irwin P. Dull, Haverhill.

The company has \$1,000,000 insurance in force, distributed among 500 stockholders, 90% of which is in Somerset county. The losses for last year aggregated only \$2,553.31. The company was incorporated September 13, 1903, and sends a copy of the statement of its financial condition to each policyholder on September 1 of each year. Charles F. Cook of Somerset is traveling agent for the company.

MAN IS HELD

Accounts in postal savings banks which have interest are taxable for State purposes and should be returned to the State by the local assessors according to an opinion given yesterday by Deputy Attorney General W. M. Hargett to Auditor General A. E. Sisson.

Summary of Auditor's Report.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF PERRY Township School District for the year ending in November, 1913. He has a right to Paragraph 12, Article 26 of Act of May 18, 1913, P. L. 300 in the County of Conneltsville, Fayette county, December 28, 1912 at No. 596 June Term, 1913, and confirmed Nial, and unless exceptions be filed within thirty days from first publication, the same will be confirmed absolutely.

Receipts.....\$45,924.48
Expenditures.....44,918.55

Balance in Treasury.....\$1,005.93
RESOURCES.
Cash on hand.....\$1,074.51
Due from collector.....920
Duplicate.....122.45
Value of school property.....65,000.00

Total.....\$68,197.16
Due collector on money advanced.....\$1,615.88
Bonds and notes.....15,500.00
Total.....\$85,313.04
WILLIAM McLELLAND, Auditor.
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COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZE.

Westminster Officially Make Appearances for the Year.

GREENSBURG, Jan. 11.—The Westminster County Commissioners yesterday reorganized for the coming year. W. H. Beck, Renner was elected President and George Brechbill Secretary. The office force for the year will be as follows:

Chief Clerk, M. F. Null; Assistant Clerk Stanley M. Cook; Deed Clerk, Frank D. Herbert; Cost Clerk,

**NEW LINE OF THE
WEST PENN TO TAP
A RICH TERRITORY**

Extension From Hecla to
Baggaley Will Open a
Rich Field.

WITHOUT TRANSPORTATION NOW

Laborer, When Road Is in Operation,
Will No Longer Be Isolated From
the Coke Region Trolley System.
Trucks Will Reach Many Towns.

When the Hecla-Baggaley line of the West Penn Railway Company is completed, the coke town will be a part of the coke region, and with virtually no train service, will be reached and a fertile territory opened for business.

Unfavorable weather prevents the line will be finished by June 1. Most of the surface grading, where only a few feet of earth had to be removed, is done, and work on the larger cuts and fills has been started. One steam shovel is cutting through a hill at Calumet, and another will soon be placed on the route. Steel for bridge is being delivered, and ties and rails have been ordered.

Leaving Hecla, with an approximate population of 1,500, the line will pass the Mount Pleasant township. High school, go through Calumet, with a population of 1,000, pass near United with about the same number of people, and run within one mile of Mammoth where 2,000 live. It will touch about half a mile from Pleasant Unity and Margaret, the former with 2,000 and the latter with about 750 residents, go through Whitney, near Hostetter, and on to Baggaley, each with 1,000 persons. The distance from Hecla to Baggaley will be nine and a half miles.

Mount Pleasant's population of 5,500, and the coke town, go through Lattimer's 1,500 residents and Derry's population of 3,000. From Mount Pleasant to Lattimer will be 13 miles, the coke-running to the Pennsylvania railroad station in the latter borough.

This route from the former town to the Pennsylvania's main line will be about four and half miles longer than the route to Greensburg. More than 200,000 tons of coke are shipped, seeking to cut expenses, will be enabled to move a large tonnage of coke to the Pennsylvania railroad by taking the West Penn line for Lattimer and boarding the trains there.

To improve traffic in Lattimer, the West Penn railway has introduced in that borough's Council an ordinance for a loop. It will have its first reading on next Monday night.

Not only will larger towns be benefited by the new line, but the northern end of the Connellsville coke field, suffering for years for want of better transportation facilities, will be given hourly service. The rapid advancement of the coke towns and surrounding farming communities, is looked for.

ALABAMA COAL

Estimates Indicate Largest Tonnage
on Record for 1913.

The general belief among those conversant with the coal mining situation in Alabama is that the production in 1913 will approximate 15,000,000 short tons, the largest tonnage in the history of the State, and an increase over 1911 of about 20 per cent. The increased production, according to E. W. Parker, of the United States Geological Survey, may be ascribed, almost entirely to the revival and expansion in the iron trade, though conditions were generally prosperous in the market tributary to the Alabama coal mines.

There were no labor troubles nor suspensions of any note during the year, but the supply has been short during the entire 12 months. The coal supply in some parts of the State was good up to the first of November. In other sections shortage of cars developed as early as August and became extreme to an extreme by the 1st of October. So bad did this become in December that in many sections it was feared that the production would be 50 per cent less than the capacity.

Undaunted by the present inadequacy of transportation facilities and the prospect of opening an already inefficient supply over extended territory, the operators are continuing new development and openings for larger output are being made, especially on the Louisville & Nashville and the "Evaco" systems, this work being done in anticipation of an enlarged market upon the completion of the Panama Canal.

One Alabama company has contracted for 40,000 tons of coke, for shipment to Mexico in 1913 and hopes to secure a much greater tonnage to that country. Other contracts already made swell the total sales to Mexico to about 100,000 tons. The markets for Alabama products have expanded, particularly in the last three months of the year, owing to substantial advances in the prices of New River and Pocahontas coal and coke. Several large coal-washing plants have been constructed, and more are in contemplation, in order to meet the demand for better product. This applies especially to "Big Steam" coal. The production for December will be cut down somewhat by the destruction by fire of the surface improvements at the Banner mine, which normally produces a large tonnage.

More Ovens at Lebanon.
Another battery of ovens has been put in operation by the Somerset-Pittsylvania Co. at its North Lebanon, Pa. plant. For some time thirty of the batteries were put in operation, at least additional employment for a number of employees.

Steel Mill to Resume.
An announcement has been made that the works of the American Steel Foundries Company at Sharon, Pa. for more than two years, will resume in a week.

**BALTIMORE & OHIO PLANS
FOUR TRACKS FOR SYSTEM**

Reported that Millions Will be Spent
Increasing Throughs Between
Here and Pittsburgh.

Plans for four-tracking the Baltimore & Ohio railroad the entire distance between Pittsburgh and Connellsville at a cost of several millions of dollars are said to be revealed in the activities of the railroad's real estate agents in West Newton, Dawson and other towns along the division.

In West Newton the railroad is said to have virtually closed a deal for all ground, totaling many acres, between its present tracks and the Youghiogheny river. The transfer will mean the taking up of several properties owned by small manufacturing concerns.

Four tracks now run between Connellsville and Broad Ford. From the latter place to McKeesport, a distance of 42 miles, are only two tracks. That between Glenwood and Pittsburgh, five miles, are but two. This would be a total of 47 miles to be given additional tracks.

The work on the project is said to be under the direction of Pittsburgh office officials.

BIG STEEL MERGER

Mammoth Combine in U. S. and Canada
Is Latest Example

Announcement last week of the intention of the United States Steel Corporation to build a \$20,000,000 plant in Canada has revived interest here in a merger scheme which received only scant and rather incredulous attention when it was laid before local financial interests about the middle of last month, says a dispatch from Montreal.

This scheme aims at a merger of steel companies in Canada and the United States, which if ever carried out would result in an industrial merger of even vaster proportions than the United States Steel Corporation. It would embrace in the United States some of the larger independent steel companies, headed by the Bethlehem Steel Company, and in Canada the Dominion Steel Corporation and the Steel Company of Canada. The other United States companies would include the Pennsylvania Steel Company, the Cambria Steel Company, the Midland Steel Company, and the LaBelle Iron Works of West Virginia.

The projected capitalization of this huge merger is \$1,100,000,000, divided, it is understood into \$200,000,000 bonds, \$500,000,000 preferred, and \$400,000,000 common stock.

KEEP DOORS CLOSED

H. A. O. Brackman Get Orders to
Guard Comfort of Passengers.

An order has just been issued from local offices along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad which provides that trainmen shall give strict attention to having the doors closed of the coaches only when passengers are being taken on or discharged from the train. It has been the custom for trainmen after calling stations, half a mile from the stop, to leave the doors open and also to leave them open after the passengers have been taken on and off.

The new order is that the doors must be kept closed until the stop is reached and as soon as the passengers have been placed on board to have them closed again. It is a rule that will be strictly enforced by the traveling public during the winter and is designed to protect the health of those traveling on the trains.

MANY MEN NEEDED

Baltimore & Ohio Is Putting Extra
Trainmen in Service Daily.

Extra firemen, brakemen, flagmen and conductors have been arriving here every day or so for the last two weeks. There has never before been so many railroad men in this section at one time. The demand for cars and engines is so great that all hands are working full hours and all the men available are kept reading cars.

The Baltimore & Ohio expects to ship more freight this winter than ever before, and the preparations do not seem equal to the demand. The railroad men have any idea how long the rush of freight will keep up but it is evident that a decrease is not in sight.

Railroad men state that large numbers of extra men are being employed at Cumberland, Grafton and Brunswick.

AWAITING HEARING.

Indian Creek Rate Question Will
Come Up Soon.

The hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission of the dispute between the Indian Creek valley coal operators and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company over freight rates from Indian Creek valley points will hardly be held in Pittsburgh, as desired by the operators.

Lloyd Reese, of Indian Head, interested in the development of the valley coal, held today said it will be held in all probability in Washington. If possible, the dispute will be brought up within the next week, although no date has been set.

MCGEE GOES UP.

Is Made Assistant Superintendent For
H. C. Frick Coke Co.

Edgar J. McGee, who has been employed in the mechanical engineering department of the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Scottdale since last spring, was promoted January 1 to assistant superintendent of the department.

Mr. McGee was in the employ of the West Penn Railway Company before going to Scottdale. He is a son-in-law of H. B. DeYoe, of Greenwood, and is a son of R. J. McGee, of Dunbar.

Mines Will Reopen.

The mines of the Great Lakes Coal Company in Kaylor, Pa., which have been closed 10 months because of a strike of miners, will be reopened by E. A. Munch Coal Company, of DuBois, the lease having been obtained recently. The mines have a daily capacity of 2,500 tons and employ 1,000 men.

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**FIRST LESSON FOR
MINING CLASS AT
Y. M. C. A. TONIGHT**

University of Pittsburgh In-
structor Will be in
Charge.

FIRE BOSS INSTRUCTION GIVEN

Beginning April 1, Instructions Will
be Given for Mine Foreman Test;
State Inspectors Say Course Is
Best Ever Offered in This Section.

Mining work in the Connellsville Y. M. C. A., under the direction of the University of Pittsburgh and the State Y. M. C. A. Mining Department, will Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, when Professor J. Z. Zimmerman, University faculty, gave the initial lesson.

For the next three months a short course for fire boss students will be given, closing with State examinations in April. A three month Mine Foreman's course will begin on April 1 and continue through May and June, resuming on October 1.

Mine inspectors C. B. Ross of Lattimer, and L. G. Roby of Uniontown, have inquired into the plans for the classes here and declared to Secretary E. T. Biss that the opportunities for the men are the best ever offered through a Y. M. C. A. in the Connellsville region.

Connellsville's mining class will be on Saturday evenings and will be instructed by Professor Zimmerman, who has been assigned to mining work at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He and Mining Work Secretary Ditts have organized a class of 25 at California, one of 19 at Republic, a third of 12 at Mansfield, and fourth at West Newton. The latter organization was affected Friday.

The class here will be the fifth and an entire week's work was arranged with the organization of a class at Jamison No. 2 on Tuesday evening. "Coal and Metal Miners' Pocket Book" will be the text book used by the students here. With that they will study the bituminous mine laws and Seddon's self-help series on mining.

SUES BIG ESTATE

Pittsburgh Coal Company Sues \$300-
000 From Former President.

Suit for \$300,000 has been brought in Pittsburgh against the estate of Francis L. Robinson, former President of the Pittsburgh Coal Company. The coal company is plaintiff and alleges that Robinson, while head of the concern, borrowed \$300,000 and used the knowledge of the Board of Directors.

The estate is held liable for \$232,527.57, with interest. Robinson, who died some months ago, was deposed as President of the Pittsburgh Coal Company in January, 1908. Later in the month he went to court and confessed judgment to the principal and interest, which amounted to \$371,542.50 and gave a judgment note for that amount. One small portion of the sum was repaid to the company.

DELANEY IS DISMISSED

State Factory Inspector, Under Fire,
Dropped by Tender.

John C. Delaney, Chief Factory Inspector of the State, was Sunday dismissed "for the good of the service," by Governor John K. Tener. Delaney, who has been in the position having been made that he permitted the employment of child labor in violation of the law.

It is understood, however, that his dismissal was due to his violating an alleged confession made by John H. Sanderson, architect of the State capital building, prior to his death, which Delaney, in limited concern, was higher up." In the grand scandal.

The Governor explained that Delaney, out of the service, might feel at liberty to make the Sanderson confession public.

NEW MINE OPENED.

Crucible Coal Company to Ship by
Rail and Water.

Robert Holiday has been named superintendent of the Crucible Coal works at Crucible, the new mining plant two miles above Rice's Landing. Lewis Kichin, the superintendent of construction, completed his work and will leave Crucible in a few days.

Mr. Holiday took up his new job January 3. He has been with the company since the shaft was completed. The company is preparing to ship coal by boat and by rail. The railroad will be extended to the mines, the coming summer.

COKE BROKERS GO.

Little Business Since Producers Begun
Selling Their Own Product.

J. K. Dimmick & Company, coal and coke brokers with offices in Philadelphia, have given notice that they will give up their Uniontown branch office on February 1. The merchant operators began to handle the selling end of their product, Dimmick & Company and other coke brokers did a large and profitable business but this has since diminished to such an extent that at least for Dimmick & Company, the branch office is no longer profitable.

To Experiment With Cobalt.
The Canadian government has engaged the services of Dr. Herbert T. Kalmus, formerly with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to conduct a series of experiments with regard to the possibility of substituting cobalt for nickel to produce the better grades of high grade steel as in automobile wheels, crank shafts, etc.; also in nickel iron wires and steel alloys of a non-corrosive character for coils, propellers, etc.

The Tenniscumung, Ore. mines now produce over 2,000,000 pounds of cobalt per year which at present goes in large part to waste.

**PENNS PLANS YARDS AT
GRATZTOWN TO MOVE COKE**

Propose to Move Trains by Way of
Yukon Branch, Where Grade Is
Much Better.

Improvements to facilitate the handling of coke between points on the Hempfield branch and the Youngwood yards are being planned by the Pennsylvania railroad. It is proposed to build at Gratztown, where the Hempfield and Yukon branches intersect, a yard to hold five or six trains of 60 cars each, and send them to Youngwood over the Yukon branch. Railroad officials have found that where two engines are required to haul 85 or 90 cars of the Yukon branch into the yards at Youngwood, three engines are required to bring in 60 cars from the Hempfield branch.

By constructing a yard at Gratztown, shipments can be dropped down the Hempfield branch and brought in over the lower Yukon grade in about 10 not less time, and with far less expense than over the Hempfield route. At present several big trains come in daily over the latter line.

At Gratztown the railroad company has purchased 35 acres, and the Youngwood yard officials are of the belief that work on the Gratztown yard will be begun with spring.

MILLS MAKE CHANGES

Officials Are Shifted at Many Plants
About Pittsburgh.

An unusual number of changes in the operating and executive departments of some of the large iron and steel plants in the Pittsburgh district have just been announced. Oscar Black, who has been Superintendent of the Mahoning Valley works of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, at Youngstown, O., has been transferred to the plant of the Company at Erie, Pa., where he will be Superintendent. He takes the place of C. T. Dabney, who has taken a position with the Dilworth-Porter Company of Pittsburgh. Mr. Black will be succeeded by L. H. Mullin, Assistant Superintendent at Youngstown.

A. L. Greenwood has been resigned as Superintendent of the blast furnaces at the Riverside works of the National Tube Company, and taken a position with the United States Steel Corporation to do special work in by-product coke at the new Koppers ovens at Gary, Ind. George W. Hewitt, Assistant Superintendent, will take the place vacated by Mr. Greenwood.

The American Steel & Wire Company of Pittsburgh has announced the following changes: James G. Martin, Superintendent of the Rankin plant, is sent to the sales department; H. S. White, Superintendent, Braddock plant, is made Superintendent of the Rankin plant; William Murphy, Master Mechanic at Braddock wire mill, goes to the Rankin plant in the same capacity; James Fieldhouse, Master Mechanic Rankin works, is made Master Mechanic at Braddock plant.

1914 STEEL INQUIRIES

For First Time Orders are Placed for
Full Year Ahead.

The country's great users of steel are making inquiries regarding deliveries in the first quarter of 1914. This is the first time in history of the industry that there have been inquiries a full year ahead. There are some cases of steel products are booked until next December and with a small amount of new business would have full capacity for a year ahead. With the exception of equipment orders, there has been little new business placed in the past week or two, but steel makers are not worrying about the future. There are many contracts pending from last year and a certain amount of buying that cannot be put off much longer. It is expected that the large shops will begin a wave of buying of new equipment.

There is, however, small probability that the demand for steel will be heavy enough in the next few months to cause any advance in prices, even if the big makers were not already upped to any advance. Quotations are now at a good level and as a rule above the average for the past ten years. On the other hand, there is no likelihood that prices will be reduced.

PLACE BIG GENERATOR

West Penn Prepares to Furnish Power
for New Extension.

A big generator, with a capacity of 600 kilowatts, has arrived at Lattimer and is being transferred to the substation of the West Penn. It is to be set up at once, to be ready to furnish power for the Lattimer-Hecla Street Railway Company, when the new line is put into operation.

The Lattimer-Hecla line will receive power from two different points, the Lattimer and the Mount Pleasant substations. "The contractors at work on the new extension figure on having the cars running to Whitney by the last of February, in case any reasonable kind of weather is experienced in the mean time."

TO DEVELOP BIG COAL BLOCK.

\$500,000 Deal for Land Closed by
Pittsburgh Men.

Development of a huge block of virgin coal, immediately south of Washington, Pa., is believed to be assured by the closing yesterday of a deal for the transfer of 2,500 acres to F. M. Courson, representing a syndicate of Pittsburgh men, whose identity is not revealed.

The transfer of the final farm of 380 acres at \$110 an acre was consummated through the option obtained Monday. The remainder of the block, it was announced had been taken over during the last six months at an average of \$200 an acre. The total amount involved exceeds \$500,000.

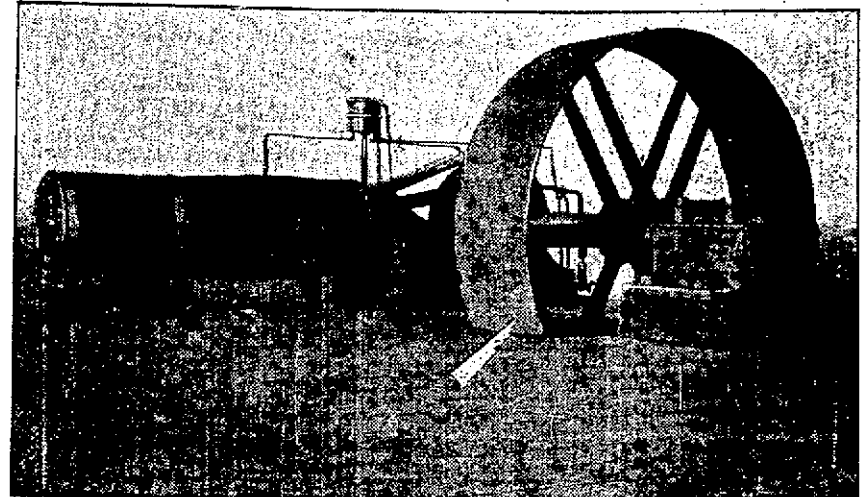
Coal Freight Agent Named.
Edward C. Tucker has been appointed traveling coal freight agent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad with headquarters in Uniontown. He will solicit coal and coke business for the road.

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